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REVEALS BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION ON NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE

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15 AT 1757N 10548E.

1. THE XOM CA TRANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE RAO CAI (RIVER) AT UTM WE864855 IS OBSERVED TO HAVE FOUR CONSTRUCTION PLATFORM CABLES STRUNG BETWEEN TWO PIERS AS PROBABLE INITIAL RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE MISSING (DESTROYED) SPAN. CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL IS ALSO OBSERVED ADJACENT TO BRIDGE APPROACHES. IDENTICAL CONDITIONS EXIST ON THE XOM CA TRANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE NAM QUAT (RIVER) AT UTM WE861859, WHERE ONLY THE ABUTMENTS OF THE ORIGINAL BRIDGE REMAIN. RECONDITIONING OF ALL APPROACHES IS EITHER FINISHED OR IS IN PROCESS.

2. PREVIOUS PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE REVEALS THE FOLLOWING CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF RECONSTRUCTION:

A. PHOTOGRAPHY

REVEALED CABLE

ANCHOR HOLES DUG IN BOTH APPROACHES OF THE RAO CAI BRIDGE.

B. PHOTOGRAPHY

REVEALED THE CABLE

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ANCHOR HOLES HAD BEEN FILLED ON THE RAO CAI BRIDGE AND CABLE
ANCHOR HOLES HAD BEEN DUG IN BOTH APPROACHES OF THE NAM QUAT
BRIDGE, WHERE CABLES WERE IN PROCESS OF BEING STRUNG.

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